

**OCTOBER 7, 2019**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 7, 2019 at 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage Training Garage, Winamac, IN 46996. Commissioners present were Ken Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Mia Salyers, Douglas Hoover, Mary Welker, Joe Moyer, Gene Timms, Kathi Thompson, Rudy DeSabatine, Michael Gallenberger, Brandon DeLorenzo, John Masterson, Justin Dahn, Courtney Poor and Lawrence Loehmer.

President Ken Becker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: EMS**

Brandon DeLorenzo, EMS Director, reported on the new truck, which was recently serviced and has new monitors working. A new stretcher is needed which cost approximately \$18,000.00 and DeLorenzo is researching grant availability to cover the expense. Based on current projections of revenue and gas prices, he estimates \$250,000.00 will be unused in this year's budget.

The EMS building addition bids were opened and are as follows:

<b>J Shoffner General Contractor, Inc. of LaPorte--</b>	<b>\$221,180.00</b>
<b>Garner Construction of Hanna--</b>	<b>\$101,500.00</b>
<b>TM Construction of Winamac--</b>	<b>\$76,900.00</b>

Mike McClure made a motion to table a decision for further review by DeLorenzo and County Attorney Tankersley. Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE**

Mia Salyers reported that it would cost approximately \$1,000.00 to repair the sidewalk on the South Side of the Courthouse. Mike McClure made a motion to hire White Construction for the repair and Ken Becker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Salyers also reported on public restroom, gutters, and HVAC issues. All are currently working.

**IN RE: HEALTH**

Teresa Hansen informed the commissioners that there is a vacancy on the Health Board and recommended Dr. Melissa Zahrt. Mike McClure made a motion to appoint Dr. Zahrt to the County Health Board, Jerry Locke second and motion carried unanimously. Zahrt replaces Dr. Elizabeth Curtis.

**IN RE: CDC/LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Council member, Michael T. Tiede presented a letter to the Commissioners who responded that personnel issues needed to be discussed at an Executive Session.

Mr. Tiede also suggested giving money to the local towns (\$25.00 per person), allowing them to perform their own Economic Development. Francesville has lost a pharmacy and a grocery, so maybe they could get a restaurant. Medaryville might want to work on getting a doctor. The locals know what they need more than those in a county position. Accordingly, the payout would be as follows:

Francesville \$20,200.00; Medaryville \$14,325.00; Monterey \$5,100.00; and Winamac \$58,300.00; for a total distribution of \$97,925.00. The current CDC budget is \$228,000.00, so the County would save approximately \$130,075.00 annually.

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

Deputies have been monitoring traffic around Medaryville. One hundred cars clocked over a two-day period with two speeding tickets written.

Justice Center policies and training discussed. Bliss McKnight's driving simulator is available for training once again.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Building Inspector Doug Hoover reported that the radiator blew on his vehicle and the cost to repair is approximately \$700.00 which he has available in his budget. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the repair, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Hoover also announced that a solar power representative is coming to the County and that an informational meeting will take place.

Lawrence Loehmer of Monterey explained some of the legal issues surrounding Solar Energy. Ken Becker made a motion to proceed with a Pilot Agreement and to review the current Unified Development Ordinance for possible revisions. Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance discussed as the County's current carrier (IPEP) will no longer provide coverage. Coverage needs to be in place by December 31,2019.

The Medaryville Fire Department needs an updated version of the Fair Housing Ordinance for a grant application. The County had an old resolution that this ordinance will replace. Ken Becker motioned to approve the Fair Housing Ordinance document as presented and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ken Becker then made a motion to rescind the previous fair housing resolution that was in place, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Toshiba Guaranteed Maintenance Agreement discussed briefly once again. Mike McClure made a motion to table for further investigation and Ken Becker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST**

Conference request presented were:

***EMA: Sherri Gaillard to EMAI Conference in Indianapolis October 22-25, 2019***

***SHERIFF: Matt Pickens to LOOP Training in Indianapolis October 2-3, 2019***

Ken Becker made a motion to approve the conference requests as presented and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike McClure made a motion to approve and sign September 9, and September 16, 2019 minutes as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll as presented, Mike McClure seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Kevin Tankersley spoke about the Swayzee Camp Road agreement and recommends hiring a surveyor which involves notifying neighbors and allowing them to challenge the property lines. NorthPoint Engineer Surveying out of Indianapolis quoted \$5,100.00.

As there was no other business, Mike McClure made a motion to adjourn at 7:04pm, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and Signed October 21, 2019  
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Kenneth Becker, President**

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**Jerome Locke, Vice-President**

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**J Michael McClure**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor**